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Get out and vote for city elections June 12

Eleven candidates submitted the required paperwork to appear on the June ballot for City of Minot offices. City of Minot positions on the June 12 ballot include mayor, three seats on the City Council, and municipal judge. The candidates who will appear on the ballot are:

- Mayor: Nancy Bommelman, Timothy Mihalick, Shaun Sipma
- City Council: David Shomento, Stephan Podrygula, Paul Pitner, Edward Montez,

Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson

- Municipal Judge: Ashley Beall, Mark Rasmuson

The submitted paperwork, including the 300 signatures of eligible voters within the city limits, was verified by the City Auditor's office. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12. The single polling location will be Room 201 at the Minot Municipal Auditorium; the poll is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Minot Daily News teams up with Chamber to host forums

Once again this year, *Minot Daily News* will present opportunities for the public to meet, question and learn about candidates in May forums in advance of the June election, this year in partnership with the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We're very happy to partner with the *Minot Daily News* to bring these forums to the public," said Chamber President John MacMartin.

Forums are tentatively scheduled for May 9 (Park Board, Roosevelt Park Zoo), May 16 (School Board, Minot State University), May 23 (Minot City Council, ND State Fair Center) and May 24 (Minot mayor, Grand

Hotel). Target times are 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

"Given the number of races and candidates, the size of last year's audience and the time needed to do these right, we decided to partner with the Chamber to sponsor four forums instead of trying to fit every race into one evening," said MDN Editor Michael W. Sasser. "Additionally, both sites and formats will vary. We envision forum formats for three of the four evenings, with the mayoral event being more of a debate format."

"We're proud of the work we have done the past couple of years bringing candidates and

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Business After Hours

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The Chamber extends a big “THANK YOU” to our members who have renewed their membership from March 22 through April 23, 2018. Your continued support helps your Chamber promote the business community and do the work seen in the pages of this newsletter.

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Xcel Energy

Candidate Forums,
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voters together and intend to continue our efforts, and to improve our formats

each year,” Minot Daily News Publisher Dan McDonald said. “We have gone from around 60 guests in 2016 to five times that number last year, and we anticipate our partnership this year with

the Minot Chamber of Commerce to help continue the growth of these important civic events.”

Additional details will be announced soon.

Double J Construction named Above & Beyond winner

“Making the Minot area community a better place to live and work.” That is the motto for the Chamber’s Above and Beyond program. This program was designed to recognize businesses and organizations for their extraordinary efforts in community service.

Double J Construction and Snow Removal has been nominated to receive the Above and Beyond Award because of their outstanding support to the community of Minot. Below is the wording on the nomination submitted by Charlie Dobson.

“This past year I held a first-responder’s luncheon. Double J donated a snow removal package to be given away to an area first responder for the 2017-2018

winter. Recently at the Delta Waterfowl Banquet, Josh (Double J) purchased over \$6,000 worth of youth shotguns for children attending the event. Additionally, the company has been assisting me free of charge. Due to a recent hip surgery I am not able to complete the day-to-day task of mowing my yard and snow removal. They have been amazing. Additionally, Double J Sponsors T-ball teams in the spring and so much more that I know I am forgetting. This is an amazing company and they deserve the recognition.”



Tarrah Larson and Owner Josh Jeffries receive the Above & Beyond Award from Chamber President John MacMartin.

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Citywide Cleanup set for first weekend in May

The snow is finally melting! Unfortunately, as the snow leaves, it uncovers something we don't want to see...trash, and plenty of it. That's why Project CLEAN (Community Leaders Enhancing Area Neighborhoods) Committee will sponsor the annual Citywide Cleanup, to prepare our community for visitors this summer.

Chamber members are asked to clean up around their buildings and to provide volunteers to help clean the city entrances. Please send a team captain to the Chamber to pick up garbage bags and sign up for a location. Be sure to wear gloves and head out on Friday, May 4 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

and fill up those trash bags. Once bags are filled, place them together along the roadway so city crews can pick them up. Thanks to the City of Minot for supplying the garbage bags.

If you have questions or suggestions call the Chamber at 852-6000 or email chamber@minotchamber.org. Let's make Minot shine!

April Eagle Awards

The Eagle Award winners were recognized in April and thanked for superior customer service skills. If you would like to nominate someone for outstanding customer service, please call the Chamber at 852-6000 for a nomination form, or visit the website at minotchamber.org. A special thank you goes out to **Homesteaders Restaurant, Rainbow Photo Lab, Anytime Fitness, and Waxing the City** for providing gift certificates for each Eagle recipient.



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Charlie's Main Street Cafe



JACKI JOHNSON
First Western Bank & Trust

Here's what Minot Area Chamber of Commerce committees will learn about this month:

Thursday, May 3: Military Affairs Committee

Noon – Jimmy Doolittle Center MAFB

Topic: 69th Bomb Squadron Deployment return

Friday, May 11: Infrastructure Committee

7:30 a.m. – Homesteaders Restaurant

Topic: Landfill expansion and garbage containers one year later

Thursday, May 24: Energy Committee

11:30 a.m. – Sevens Restaurant

Check the Chamber website for more information

Military communities celebrate with an elegant evening

The 30th Annual International Military Ball is now in the books and those attending enjoyed an amazing evening! The event featured the bagpipers from the 26th Field Regiment RCA Pipes and Drums, the Minot Air Force Base Honor Guard, and the Heartland of America Band, Raptor. Two hundred and five people enjoyed a delicious seven-course meal as well. This evening is set aside to recognize the outstanding relationship between the U.S. and Canada and between the City of Minot and our military.



Chamber Board Chair Jason Zimmerman addressed the crowd, welcoming the visitors to Minot.



Col Colin Connor and his wife Sara make their way through the saber arches.

As those attending can attest, the evening was filled with fanfare, great conversation, delicious food and dancing. If you have never attended, you need to! This is not just for the military, but for civilians as well.

Mark next year on your calendar: Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Grand Hotel.



Those in attendance honored those who are gone but not forgotten by raising their water glasses in honor of all KIA, MIA and POWs.

Groundbreaking

If you know of a business that's new to town or is having a milestone, like a renovation or addition, contact Carla at 857-8205 to schedule a ribbon cutting.



First Lutheran Church: 120 5th Ave. NW • www.flcminot.com • 852-4853 • Rev. Brandy Gerjets & Rev. Ellery Dykeman
Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to help move some dirt as the congregation celebrates a new addition that will connect the church to the Parish Education Center.

Women Connect: build your own personal board of directors

“Surround yourself with the dreamers and doers; the believers and thinkers; but most of all, surround yourself with those who see the greatness within you, even when you don’t see it yourself.”

- Unknown

Sounds easy, right? We know it’s not. Attend Women Connect to learn about how to build your own personal board of directors through sage advice given by a panel of professionals and direct instruction of how to assemble the skills and

personalities needed for your professional support circle.

Go to the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce website and click on May 16. You will need your user name and password to sign up today!

This event is presented by Women Connect and the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce. Special thanks to the location sponsor, the Center for Technology and Business.

Women Connect Schedule:

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 • 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. • Sleep Inn

Coffee, water, rolls provided

Payment: Chamber Members: \$25 • Non-Members: \$35

Young Professionals host mayoral forum June 6

The position for Minot Mayor will be open for the 2018 election and three candidates have announced their intention to run. Nancy Bommelman, Shaun Sipma, and Tim Mihalick have all been asked to be a part of the YP Mayoral Forum Open Forum on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Auditorium in room 201. This is a great opportunity to get to know your candidates and ask your questions.

Lunch will be served. Cost is \$5 for YP members and \$10 for non-members.

Please RSVP to <http://ypminot2016.odney.com/events/mayoralforum/> by June 4.

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Broadway Bridge in final phase

The second, and final, season of work on replacing the U.S. 83/Broadway Bridges at the heart of Minot is underway, as the contractor plans on finishing the west bridge by late 2018.

Just like last year, when the traffic was reduced to one side, the new east bridge, will allow the public to maintain use of Broadway while demolition of the west bridge is underway. This traffic switch occurred in mid-April, after Lunda Construction finished the railings and safety fencing on the east bridge for safe pedestrian use.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the city of Minot, is replacing the existing U.S. 83 Broadway Bridges. The project construction cost



was bid by Lunda Construction at nearly \$21 million. This project is important to residents in Minot and travelers in north central North Dakota, as the five-lane urban roadway carries approximately 30,000 vehicles per day.

Individuals are reminded to be patient while driving through this area and use appropriate caution in the construction zone. Please follow the posted detour routes to access businesses near the construction.

For the latest on the project, go to the City of Minot's Facebook page or use the construction update section of the www.minotnd.org website to find photos and information. You can also reach out to Mark Lyman at Odney, the project's public information officer at mlyman@odney.com or 857-7205.



Chamber University: Get Your Business Online June 6

"Four out of five consumers use search engines to find local information nearby, yet only 37% of businesses have claimed their listing on a search engine," says Emily Harris, manager of Google's Get Your Business Online program. "Small businesses are the engine of local economies and when they flourish, their communities do as well."

Get Your Business Online is a program that empowers communities to support their local businesses and encourage them to get on the map. Local businesses keep our communities strong; when we help them succeed on the web, they make our communities even stronger. This Chamber University workshop is a Google presentation hosted by the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Development Center. This three-hour seminar will include three topics: "Get Found on Google Search," "Intro to Online Marketing" and "Share your Story through Video."

Join us for this Chamber University on Wednesday, June 6 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Hotel. Cost is \$25 for Chamber members, \$45 for non-members. Got to www.minotchamber.org and click on the date of June 6 on the Calendar to sign up today!



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Sevens Bar & Restaurant Business After Hours enjoyed by all

Thank you to Sevens Bar & Restaurant for hosting the April Business After Hours. Delicious food from Sevens Bar & Restaurant was enjoyed by 120 people, who also benefited from networking with other business representatives.



April 11 Honors Banquet featured 162 outstanding students and teachers



The 56th Annual Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Honors Banquet featured 162 students from nine area schools for being at the top of their class. This event recognized the hard work and dedication of the students who achieved a 3.75 grade point average or higher from Berthold, Bishop Ryan Catholic School, Des Lacs Burlington, Glenburn, Minot, Nedrose, Our Redeemers, South Prairie and Surrey. The evening featured Col. Angie Robertson of the 5th



5MSG Commander Col. Angie Robertson addressed the students and teachers at the Honors Banquet.

Maintenance Support Group at Minot Air Force Base. Col Robertson encouraged the students to continue to excel and take risks to accomplish their dreams and goals. The evening also featured thirteen teachers and staff from the area schools with 25 years of experience.

The evening wouldn't be possible without the outstanding support from these Minot Area Chamber of Commerce members:

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Minot Area Homeless Coalition

Minot State University
Minot VFW Post 753
Prairie Engineering
Taco John's dba Preferred Restaurant
Verendrye Electric Cooperative

First International Bank & Trust acquires InterceptEFT

On April 2, 2018, North Dakota based, First International Bank & Trust closed on the acquisition of leading electronic payments processor, InterceptEFT.

"Today begins a new era for our company," said Stephen L. Stenehjelm, CEO and Chairman of First International Bank & Trust. "Today, we become a critical behind-the-scenes partner for over 74,000 companies nationwide as we ensure payments reach their intended destinations. I'm looking forward to the synergies that will be formed to create a wider array of offerings for customers of InterceptEFT and First International Bank & Trust."

InterceptEFT, founded in 1993 and based in Fargo, ND, has been a leading electronic payments processor serving companies throughout the United States. All employees, including local owners, Craig Dresser and Bryan Smith plan to continue with the merged company and are committed to helping this partnership succeed.

"I am excited for what this partnership will do for our customers," said Craig Dresser, CEO of InterceptEFT. "Being a part of First International Bank & Trust means that we are backed by the security and soundness of a regulated high-performing bank giving our customers more peace of mind. It allows us to expand our product and service offerings, increase our fraud detection and prevention measures and create a more streamlined and efficient operation."

Bryan Smith, President of InterceptEFT further explains, "It was important for us to find a partner that would also be a good match culturally for our employees and our customers. We have built a strong reputation for high service levels, expertise and reliability for handling over 50 million electronic transactions annually. I'm confident that the value to our customers will increase due to this partnership."

First International Bank & Trust understands the powerful engine of electronic payment processing and the important role it plays in the business economy.

Recently, they received certification from the Third Party Payment Processor's Association (TPPPA) for their Compliance Management System, making them the first TPPPA member bank in the nation to hold this designation.

The Bank further announced plans to rebrand InterceptEFT as Kotapay. "We are embracing this new beginning with a new name," said Peter Stenehjelm, President of First International Bank & Trust. "We chose a name that connects with our region as two successful companies based in North Dakota and serves us well for future growth and development within the payments industry."

For existing InterceptEFT customers, it will be 'business as usual' with no disruption in service while leadership works together on plans for future growth.

Ackerman-Estvold welcomes project architect Breiner

Paul Breiner, AIA, has joined the Ackerman-Estvold Minot office in the architecture group. Breiner earned both a bachelor of science degree in environmental design and a bachelor of architecture degree from North Dakota State University, Fargo. Breiner has worked in the architecture industry throughout the region for over 14 years. His responsibilities will include conceptual design, design development, and construction management on architectural projects throughout the region.



Paul Breiner

Taube Museum of Art ReMarket Your Art Sale and Exhibition II May 3 – 31

Looking for a way to remarket your art? Make a little cash? The Taube Museum of Art's ReMarket Your Art II Sale and Exhibition will be held May 3-31, 2018! This is a unique opportunity for those with original art to sell those pieces. If you have art on your wall, in your closet, or under your bed that no longer suits you or was bought on a whim, this is an excellent opportunity for you to sell those pieces. We will be accepting the following for remarketing: previously owned original art, prints, drawings, pottery, fiber arts, estate jewelry, and art books. All works must be in good, clean condition without chips, cracks or breaks. This sale will also include select works of art that have been consigned or donated to museum over the years.

There is no limit on the number of pieces to consign or contribute, although the Museum reserves the right not to accept any piece for the sale, depending on space and subject matter. To participate in this sale, drop off your artwork prior to Saturday, April 28, 2017. The Taube Museum will retain a minimum of a 30% commission on all sales, unless

designated otherwise by the consignee. When pricing your art, keep in mind it is not typically worth what you originally paid for it. If you wish it to sell, price it accordingly.

The ReMarket Your Art Sale and Exhibition will be an opportunity for our members and the public to rehome previously owned artwork. This is not a sale for artists to sell their work. It is a cash and carry exhibition. The ReMarket Your Art Sale reception, open to the public, will be held Thursday, May 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with live music and refreshments. Proceeds from this event will benefit ongoing programming at the Taube Museum of Art, a non-profit organization.

Normal museum and gift shop hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by special appointment. There is no charge for admission, but contributions are accepted to help the Taube Museum fulfill their mission of enriching lives through the visual arts.

For more information contact Doug Pfliger, gallery manager, Taube Museum of Art, 838-4445.



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First International Bank & Trust Heather Gillihan wins Odin Award

First International Bank & Trust (FIB&T) is proud to announce that Heather Gillihan, of the Minot Broadway location, was the recipient of the 2017 Odin Award from First International Bank & Trust.

Gillihan was nominated by her fellow colleagues for her loyalty, commitment to excellence, and dedication to FIB&T and her community year over year. Heather has chosen Souris Valley Humane Society as her charity of choice for her \$5,000 donation.

The Odin Award is an employee award that gives recognition each year to the person who has consistently demonstrated the Bank's mission, vision, and values. Employees are nominated by their fellow employees who have demonstrated the mission, vision and values at an exemplary level.

"Winning this award is very special to me since it comes from my fellow teammates and peers," Heather said. "There are so many wonderful people who work at First International, so to be chosen as the recipient means so much." Gillihan shares.

"I chose the Souris Valley Animal Shelter because my husband and I were not blessed with children, so our two dogs mean the world to us, and my heart breaks for all the animals who are waiting for their forever home or are in need of a temporary home until they can return to their owners," Heather said. "I'm hoping that this donation will help the SVHS staff continue their mission of helping provide a safe home to those that need it, and help them continue to expand their animal advocacy and other programs that are so vital to our community."



Heather's favorite part of working at FIB&T is being a part of a very dedicated team that puts our customers, family, and communities first. She has been employed at FIB&T for nearly 22 years and is currently the SVP/Director of Compliance & Audit.

Congratulations Heather Gillihan on the well-deserved award.

Voting open for fourth annual Live First Community Giving Campaign

First International Bank & Trust (FIB&T) launched the Fourth Annual Live First Community Giving Campaign. Members within area communities applied for a Live First Community Grant that awards \$5,000 to a project or a cause that makes a difference within our community. Three fan favorites will also receive \$1,000 each based on votes by social media followers.

Applications were due on April 25, 2018. Voting began at 12:00 PM CST on April 25, and will continue through Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 11:59 PM CST. Winners will be announced Wednesday, May 23, 2018.

Additional details and official rules can be found on the First International Bank and Trust website (firstintlbank.com) and by visiting the First International Bank & Trust Facebook page.

ND Change Network applications open

National Arts Strategies (NAS) and Strengthen ND are seeking North Dakotans who see opportunities to make change in their community to apply for the upcoming North Dakota Change Network cohort. North Dakota Change Network is an initiative to provide North Dakotans with a supportive learning environment to learn the skills needed to enable them to lead change in a more equitable and inclusive manner. Participation in the Change Network is free and all participants will have access to a \$5,000 grant to implement an action plan or support a related on-going project.

"Through the Change Network, we are hoping to engage a diverse group of North Dakotans representative of a multitude of

backgrounds, professions, ways of thinking, political ideology, points of view, and age," said Megan Laudenschlager, executive director of Strengthen ND.

In 2017, NAS partnered with Strengthen ND and Vision Maker Media to offer Change Network, a year-long cohort-style program for North Dakotans working to lead change in their organizations and communities. Created by the Bush Foundation, Change Network supports up to 20 participants to build their self-awareness, leadership abilities, and systems-change skill sets.

"We are honored to partner with the Bush Foundation, Strengthen ND, and Vision Maker Media to be a part of the Change Networks collaborative," said Gail Crider, president and CEO of National Arts Strategies.

North Dakotans who see opportunities to make change in their community are encouraged to apply for the Change Network program by May 31, 2018. For more information and how to apply, please visit North Dakota Change Network at www.artstrategies.org/programs/change-network-north-dakota/.

Minot Community Endowment Fund accepting applications

The Minot Community Endowment Fund is now accepting applications for the 2018 grant cycle. Any 501(c)(3) organization or government agency that serves Minot residents may submit an application. Requests for operating expenses generally receive low priority, while requests specific to a project or program will receive a higher priority. Full guidelines and an application form are available online at www.NDCF.net/Minot. The deadline for submitting a request is May 31. The Advisory Committee will review applications in mid-June, and grant awards are disbursed in July. The Minot Community Endowment Fund is a permanent component of the North Dakota Community Foundation, which provides professional management of charitable endowment for the benefit of North Dakota communities. Visit www.NDCF.net for more information.

Member Business Briefs

Town & Country Credit Union elects board members, names officers

Jeff Stremick (Minot) and Jerry Hatlestad (Fargo) have each been elected to serve a three-year term on the Town & Country Credit Union Board of Directors. As a credit union, Town & Country is owned by its members and governed by a committed group of volunteers who serve on the Board of Directors.

Stremick is new to the board and a local real estate broker. He owned and operated several businesses in Minot prior to becoming a part-owner of Signal Realtors in 2011. Stremick is very active in the Minot community serving on the Minot Planning Commission, Ward County Specials



Jeff Stremick

Assessment Commission, Farm Rescue, Minot Board of Realtors and others.

Hatlestad was re-elected for another three-year term filling the Fargo area position on the board. He was employed by Otter Tail Power Company and General Electric Company for 30 years and is presently employed with Malloy Electric. Hatlestad joined the Board of Directors in 2009.

The Board of Directors also selected executive officers for the coming year. DelRae Zimmerman (Minot) was named board chair. Zimmerman is one of the owners and current president of Brokers 12 Real Estate and markets herself and her team as "Team



DelRae Zimmerman

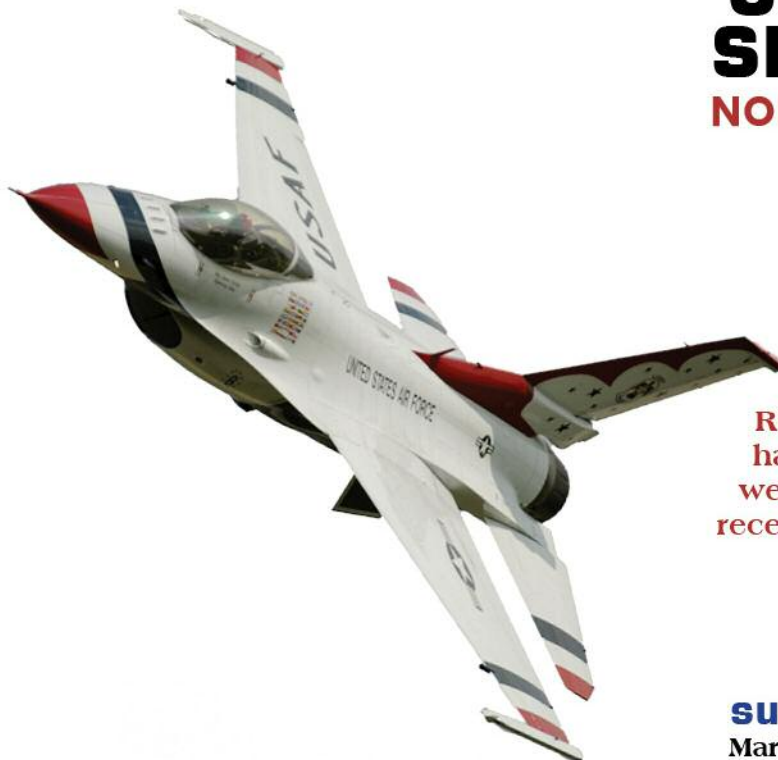
Rockstars." She was elected to the board in 2017.

Ray Kopp (Minot) was renamed as the board vice chairman. Kopp operates a farm on the homestead where he was born and raised and has served on the board of directors since 2004.

Jim Anderson (Kenmare) was also named as the board secretary/treasurer. Anderson has been farming since 1978 and is the secretary/manager of the Flaxton Farmers Mutual Insurance Co., a property-casualty insurance company. He joined the board of directors in 2011 filling the board seat designated for a Kenmare member.



Ray Kopp



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Member Business Briefs

4th Annual Run for the Hills Distance Challenge to be held June 4

United Community Bank of ND is excited to be holding the 4th Annual Run for the Hills event Monday, June 4, 2018, at 7 p.m., with registration beginning at 6 p.m. While the event will continue to be held at the Minot Country Club as in past years, this year it will be featuring a new route that will showcase the back nine holes of the golf course. All proceeds from the event will benefit Companions for Children. In under five years, Companions for Children has grown from serving 13 children in need of a role model to 100 children.

“Companions for Children is an outstanding organization that provides great opportunity for youth in our community,” said Jennifer Hubrig, United Community Bank Marketing Director. “We enjoy partnering with them on this event and bringing awareness to such an important need.”

If registered prior to May 23, registration is just \$15 for an individual or \$50 for

a team of four. Families are encouraged to participate in the event together, and children 12 and under are free. Registration is available at any UCB location, at www.runforthehills18.eventbrite.com or on site the day of the event.

“Companions for Children is very excited to continue to work with United Community Bank in the Run for the Hills fundraiser to raise money for the youth mentoring program. With Companions for Children and UCB being local to the Minot and surrounding area, it seems to be a very fitting collaboration,” says Heather Cymbaluk, executive director for Companions for Children.

For more information, contact Jennifer Hubrig at 701-420-5734 or jhubrig@ucbnd.com. For information regarding Companions for Children contact Heather Cymbaluk at children@srt.com or visit the website at www.companionsforchildren.org.

Enerbase awards \$8,000 in scholarships to area students

Each year Enerbase Cooperative Resources awards \$1,000 scholarships to area students who are entering their first semester of college. In 2018 there were eight students who received a \$1,000 scholarship. Applications are numbered and then submitted to the board of directors for their blind review. Applicants are chosen strictly based on their community involvement, school activities, GPA and an essay submission that explains how they are associated with cooperatives and how cooperatives have benefitted their families. For a student to be eligible for a scholarship their parent/guardian must be an active patron of Enerbase (done at least \$2,500 in business in 2017). The 2018 scholarship recipients are: Trey Klain (Ruso), Madison Sommer (Washburn), Karlee Zablotney (Minot), Taylor Tweeten (Washburn), Hannah Newman (Sawyer), Brooke Goven (Mercer), Sydney Larson (Norwich), and Maria Wirtz (Underwood).

Enerbase Cooperative Resources has been serving central North Dakota since 1928. Enerbase operates ten Cenex-branded c-stores, a cardtrol location in Maxbass, and offers bulk petroleum, propane and lubricant services. Enerbase carries an extensive line of equipment and parts and has a full-service agronomy center in Washburn, with substations in Hazen, Underwood and Falkirk. The corporate office on Minot's North Hill also features a hardware store and service station. Enerbase employs approximately 175 people among their locations.



Member Business Briefs

Peskey promoted to trust administrator

American Trust Center has announced that Jarrett Peskey has been promoted to trust administrator. Peskey has been employed with the American Trust Department since 2012 previously serving as a teller, personal banker and trust associate.



Jarrett Peskey

"It has been fun to watch Jarrett take on each role as he grows, and we look forward to watching his position develop," said Pam Andrist, Market Manager.

Peskey was raised in Minot and graduated from Minot State University with a bachelor's degree in finance.

Dakota Agronomy adds to the team

Sheri Chadwick started with DAP in April as an agronomy salesperson at the Minot location. Chadwick is from Cavalier, ND, where her family still farms, and she recently moved to the Velva area. She graduated from NDSU with a major in crop and weed science and a minor in ag business. Over the past ten years Chadwick has gained great experience in several different aspects in the ag industry making her a great addition to the DAP team.

Zach Mehl started with DAP in April as an agronomy trainee at the Minot location. Mehl interned with Dakota Agronomy during the summer of 2017 at the Minot Seed Plant and DAP was fortu-

nate to add him to the team full-time. He graduated from Bismarck State College this May with an associate degree in agriculture industry and technology. Mehl grew up helping family friends on their farm and has always had a passion for agriculture.

Natasha Semchenko also started with DAP in April as an agronomy trainee at the Ryder location. Natasha graduated from Bismarck State College this May with an associate degree in agriculture industry and technology. She has lived and worked on a farm outside of Max her whole life so her experience and knowledge on the farm is very welcomed to the DAP team in the Ryder area.

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You may qualify. The Family Selection Committee looks at three factors when choosing families for participation in the program.

1. Need for better housing - For example: inadequate current housing or number and ages of children or paying too much for rent.
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3. Willingness to partner with Habitat - Willingness to complete Sweat Equity hours, maintain their new house, make monthly payments on time, and attend other Habitat activities.

Please reach out to us for an application and criteria to be our newest Homeowners! Contact the Habitat for Humanity office at 701-852-9799 or email at Minot.habitat@hotmail.com or message us on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/minot.habitat/](https://www.facebook.com/minot.habitat/).

Minot PD warns of fundraising scam

The Minot Police Department has received several reports of a fundraising scam attempt. Callers are reporting that an organization identifying itself as "Police Action Fund" is raising donations on behalf of the Minot Police Department.

No agreement exists between any fundraising organization and the Minot Police Department. Also, the Minot Police Department does not solicit donations by phone for any reason.

Unless a person has actually suffered a financial loss from this scam attempt, there is no need to further contact the police department. However anyone is welcome to contact the North Dakota Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-472-2600 or on line at <https://attorneygeneral.nd.gov/consumer-resources> for further information and reporting on scams.

Town & Country Credit Union steps up to help resilient homebuyers in Minot

There is a new homebuyer incentive program in Minot for those impacted by the 2011 flood and Town & Country Credit Union is here to help. If a resident's home is being acquired by the Minot flood control project or if the home or apartment they lived in during the 2011 flood was significantly damaged, they could qualify for the Resilient Homebuyer Program which can help them purchase a home within the City of Minot. The Town & Country Credit Union mortgage team is here to help those who qualify access their benefits and purchase their new home. Plus, borrowers who qualify and purchase a home through Town & Country Credit Union will receive a \$300 credit on their closing costs.*

Qualified buyers may be eligible for up to \$60,000 to help them purchase a home. This assistance is available through the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) to eligible low and moderate income (LMI) homebuyers for the purchase of an existing resale home or a newly constructed home in what the City of Minot has qualified as "resilient neighborhoods." In short, these are neighborhoods outside the new FEMA 100-year flood plain and within the boundaries of the City of Minot.

"We know that the impacts of the flood are still rippling through the City of Minot

now seven years later," said Jeremiah Kossen, Town & Country Credit Union CEO. "As community members ourselves, we believe stepping up and offering these loans to qualifying home owners is just one small way we can help our fellow citizens continue to recover and build a more resilient Magic City."

To determine if a resident qualifies for the Resilient Homebuyer Program, they need to contact the Minot Disaster Recovery Office managed by CDM Smith to fill out a homebuyer profile. They can be reached between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday by phone at 701-837-5813.

After the resident fills out the homebuyer profile and CDM Smith determines that they qualify for the program, they can reach out to Town & Country Credit Union for an initial meeting with our mortgage lenders. Our trained mortgage lenders – Renata, Jill and Lisa – will walk them through the Resilient Homebuyer Application, including any required income documentation, and work through the rest of the qualification process.

"We know flood recovery has already been a long, complicated process. That's why we're committed to working with qualifying homebuyers to make taking advantage of this incentive program and purchasing their new home as smooth as possible," said Kossen.

For more information on the incentive program and the qualifications for participants, visit www.townandcountry.org.

To get in touch with a Town & Country Credit Union mortgage department, call 701-420-6795 or contact our executive mortgage officers online at <https://www.townandcountry.org/mortgage/purchases>.

* Rates and loan approval are dependent on credit and underwriting factors. Terms, conditions and restrictions may apply and are subject to change. Additional qualifications apply.

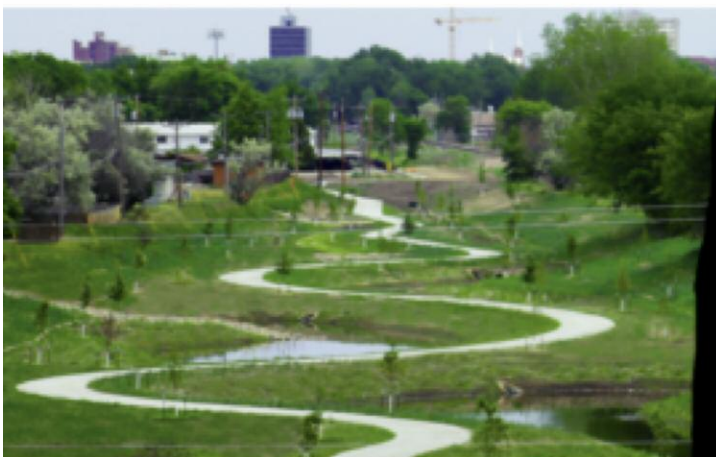
Tom's To-Do List

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Our Senior Water Resource Engineer, Tom, loves a challenge. That's why when designing a solution for stormwater retention/detention, Tom got creative. By creating an eco-friendly solution over a traditional pump station, this portion of flood control provided an innovative approach and saved the Souris River Joint Board millions of dollars in the process.

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		1	2	3 Military Affairs Committee , Noon, Jimmy Doolittle Center, MAFB	4 Ambassadors Committee , 7:30 a.m., Village Inn Citywide Cleanup , 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., City entrances	5 Citywide Cleanup , 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., City entrances
6	7	8 Eagle Award Presentations , 10 a.m., Chamber office Ribbon Cutting , 10:30 a.m., Brokers 12, 1201 S. Broadway Ribbon Cutting , 4 p.m., South Hill Softball Complex	9 Right Start Presentation , 9:45 a.m., MAFB Candidate Forum , Minot Park District, 6:30 p.m., Roosevelt Park Zoo	10 Ribbon Cutting , , 4 p.m., Tires Plus Total Care, 1301 20th Ave. SW	11 Infrastructure Committee , 7:30 a.m., Homesteaders Restaurant	12
13	14	15 Board of Directors , 7:30 a.m., Grand Hotel	16 Women Connect , 8:30 a.m., Sleep Inn & Suites Candidate Forum , Minot School Board, 6:30 p.m., Minot State University	17 Coffee with the President , 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Chamber office Business After Hours , 5 - 7 p.m., North Dakota Guaranty & Title, 1835 16th St. SW	18	19
20	21	22	23 Right Start Committee , 9:45 a.m., Minot AFB Candidate Forum , Minot City Council, 6:30 p.m., ND State Fair Center	24 Energy Committee , 11:30 a.m., Sevens Restaurant Candidate Forum , Minot Mayoral Race, 6:30 p.m., Grand Hotel	25	26
22	28 Memorial Day Office Closed	29	30	31		

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